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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, EG  
SUBJ: SPOTLIGHT BACK ON KAMAL AL-DIN HUSAYN

REFS: (A) CAIRO 2305, (B) 76 CAIRO 16440

1. LASTEST PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY BROUHAHA CENTERS ON CONTROVERSIAL  
ATTACK BY KAMAL AL-DIN HUSAYN (REF A) ON SADAT FEB 3 LAW AND ORDER  
DECREE. PRESS IS FULL OF NEWS THAT 252 (OF 360) ASSEMBLY MEMBERS,  
WITH APPROVAL OF PA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, HAVE CALLED FOR  
EXPULSION OF HUSAYN FOR A "GRAVE VIOLATION OF DUTIES, GRAVE AGGRES-  
SION ON RIGHT OF COUNTRY AND PEOPLE... INCOMPATIBLE WITH  
PARLIAMENTARY BEHAVIOR". PA WITCH HUNT APPARENTLY LED BY FORMER  
MININFO OTEIFY. ON FEB 14, FULL PA VOTED 281-28-3(RI ABSENT) TO EXPEL  
HUSAYN.

2. COMMENT: SOME ASSEMBLY MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED SUPPORT  
EXPULSION PROPOSAL AS GESTURE OF PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR  
SADAT, WHILE OTHERS CLEARLY ACTING FROM EXPEDIENCY, AND AT LEAST  
SOME FROM GENUINE INDIGNATION OVER WHAT, IN CONTEXT OF PAST 25  
YEARS, APPROACHES LESE MAJESTE. WE ALSO CANNOT DISCOUNT EPISODE  
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AS EARLY INDICATION THAT SECURITY DECREE, WHICH PARTLY SHUTS  
POLITICAL OPEN DOOR, HAS HAD PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT AND BEGUN TO  
STIFLE RECENTLY EVIDENT ASSEMBLY CRITICISMS OF REGIME.  
WITH PASSAGE OF PROPOSAL, HOWEVER RIGHTEOUSLY IT IS PRESENTED, WE  
CAN EXPECT INCREASING CIRCUMSPECTION EVEN FROM REGIME'S MOST  
WELL DISPOSED CRITICS.

3. FUROR OVER HUSAYN RAISES MORE GRAVE AND FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE THAN POSSIBLE RETRENCHMENT OF POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION. ANY THING BEARING ON ISLAMIC RESURGENCE IS OF POTENTIALLY CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. HUSAYN, AN ORIGINAL RCC MEMBER, MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED TO REGISTER PUBLIC OBJECTION TO PRESIDENT'S DECREE BY MOTIVES OF JEALOUSY AND ENVY TOWARDS SADAT (WHO WAS MINOR MEMBER RCC). QUESTION REMAINS, HOWEVER, WHETHER HUSAYN ACTED SOLELY OUT OF PERSONAL AMBITION OR WHETHER HIS MOVE HAD BACKING OF NEWLY REORGANIZED IKHWAN MOVEMENT.

4. SADAT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED TO US THAT HE IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH IKHWAN AND SEEKS USE IT FOR HIS OWN ANTI-LEFTIST POLITICAL ENDS (REF B). OF THE LEADING IKHWANIS WHO HAVE SURFACED DURING LAST YEAR, WE HAVE SUSPECTED THAT IT IS SALAH ABU RAHIQ, NOT HUSAYN, WHO MAY BE LINK WITH GOE (HE WAS CHOSEN AS MEMBER CENTER PARTY'S STEERING COMMITTEE).

5. IKHWAN LEADERSHIP IS CAUTIOUSLY SEEKING REESTABLISH ITS ORIGINAL COUNTRY-WIDE CADRES. ORIGINAL SUPREME GUIDE HAD LAID DOWN RULE BASIC ORGANIZATION MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE BROTHERHOOD SHOULD RISK ACTIVE POLITICKING IKHWAN HAS, IN FACT, AVOIDED POLITICAL ACTIVITY, HAVING ANNOUNCED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE "AS ORGANIZATION" IN OCTOBER 1976 ELECTIONS. WE TEND TO DOUBT, THEREFORE, THAT HUSAYN CLEARED HIS HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE MESSAGE WITH IKHWAN LEADERSHIP. HIS CHALLENGE PROBABLY REPRESENTS HIS OWN, NOT IKHWAN'S AMBITIONS.

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